

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 are pending in the Application.

Applicant amended claims 20 and 21 to correct a typographical error so that each now properly depends from independent base claim 19.

The Examiner objected to claim 19 regarding the phrase “an image is formed only on a light beam emergent side of said second-fourth transmitting surface” and suggested an alternative phrasing that “the image-forming optical system does not form an intermediate image.” Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestion and has amended claim 19 accordingly. As noted by the Examiner, this amendment to claim 19 is supported by at least page 7, lines 17-19 of the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is now phrased more clearly.

The Examiner rejected claims 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the phrase “said first prism has an equal sign of power in two orthogonal directions” at line 6 of claim 19 and “said second prism has an equal sign of power in two orthogonal directions” of line 27 of claim 19 are not supported by the disclosure. Applicant respectfully traverses for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner’s attention is directed to condition (1-1) that defines the power of the first prism in the X-direction, the condition (2-1) that defines the power of the first prism in the Y-direction, the condition (3-1) that defines the power of the second prism in the X-direction, the condition (4-1) that defines the power of the second prism in the Y-direction, and the values of these conditions provided in the examples of page 57 for support for the cited features of claim 19. In particular, P_x is the power of the image forming optical system in the X-direction, and P_y is the power of the image forming optical system in the Y-direction. The image forming optical system described forms a real image. Therefore, both the power P_x in the X-direction, the power of P_y in the Y-direction are positive. Consequently, the signs of the values of the respective conditions in the examples correspond to the power P_{1x} of the first prism in the X-direction, the power P_{1y} of the first prism in the Y-

direction, the power P_{2x} of the second prism in the X-direction, and the power P_{2y} of the second prism in the Y-direction. As one can see from the values of the conditions in the examples on page 57, the signs of both the values of the conditions (1-1) and (2-1) are the same. This means that the sign of the power P_{1x} of the first prism in the X-direction is the same as that of the power P_{1y} of the first prism in the Y-direction. Similarly, the signs and values of both conditions (3-1) and (4-1) in the respective examples are the same. Therefore, the sign of the power P_{2x} of the second prism in the X-direction is the same as that of the power P_{2y} of the second prism in the Y-direction. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the original disclosure supports the recited condition that "said first prism has an equal power sign in orthogonal two directions, and such second prism has an equal power sign in orthogonal two directions." Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 19-21 are supported by the original disclosure and requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for returning the initialed Information Disclosure Statement filed with this Application and for specifically noting the discrepancy between the patent number and name and publication date for reference number 5. This was due to clerical error. Therefore, Applicant has resubmitted the correct reference, which is of record in the parent application with a new Information Disclosure Statement along with this amendment. A copy of the reference is also attached for the Examiner's convenience. Please initial and return the current PTO-1449 indicating that the reference now correctly cited has been considered.

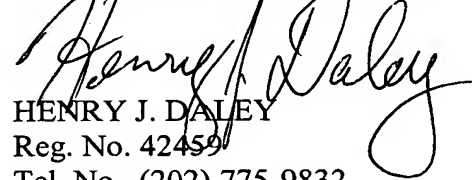
Applicant has addressed all the Examiner's rejections and objections and respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

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